



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 FARMINGTON AVENUE • HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06105

To: All Enhanced Care Clinics

Date: October 28, 2021

Re: Expansion of Enhanced Care Clinics

Dear Providers:

The tri-chairs of the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council on the recommendation from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee requested that the Department expand Enhanced Care Clinics (ECC) to include all office locations for existing ECC providers. The Department agreed with the recommendation which is to improve and expand access for our Medicaid members. In addition, we agree that this move will assist providers in better serving the underserved population. The Department wants you to know that we appreciate you and your input is invaluable to us.

In light of our mutual desire to meet the needs of the community served, the Department will collect certain information in order to evaluate the goals of this expansion. **All** existing ECC providers, as well as those who wish to designate additional sites as ECCs will need to submit an updated "Attachment B" with a list/location of all sites. This needs to be received by the Department no later than November 30, 2021. The Department will then approve those additional sites.

Thereafter on an annual basis by April 30th, all ECC providers, with new and existing locations, will provide the following data for the previous calendar year to the Department:

- For Medicaid members served at each ECC site on the Attachment B: demographic data, including race, ethnicity, and gender of individuals served broken down by children (under the age of 18) and adults (18 and over).
- For ECC staff: demographic data, including race, ethnicity, and gender of staff (broken down by site)
- For the agency: demographic data, including race, ethnicity, and gender of the Board of Directors.

The Attachment B has been updated to allow you to list existing sites and all of the new ECC sites with locations. Along with the Attachment B please include a cover letter noting the number of secondary sites you are adding and how many will meet the emergency access and extended hours requirements and how many will not meet that criteria and therefore will be exempt based on the criteria outlined in the prior Provider Enrollment Agreement in item 4c. All sites listed on the Attachment B must comply with all ECC standards. If the provider is requesting any changes to **existing** ECC site locations, they must also submit the required information in their letter as detailed in PB 2019-16.

Please do not begin billing for the new ECC sites until receiving an official effective date from the Department. Should you have any questions concerning this process, please direct them to the Department's Behavior Health benefit manager, Roderick Winstead by phone at 860-424-5922 or by email at Roderick.winstead@ct.gov.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Connecticut Medicaid members.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: PB 2019-16
Updated Attachment B Template